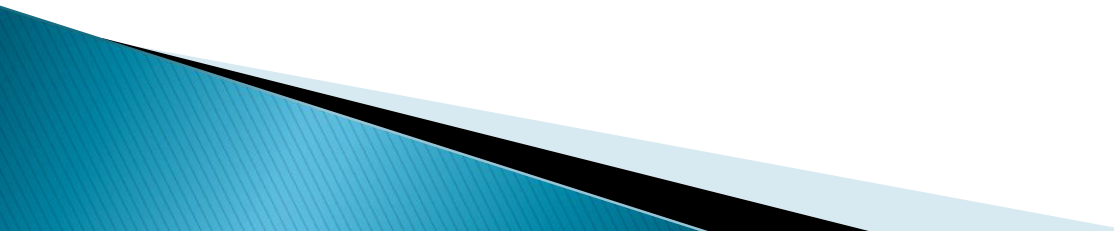


3.1 (b) Origins of Christianity



The Arrest of Jesus

The Last Super

- ▶ Passover meal that Jesus was having with his disciples
 - ▶ Jesus said, “ I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you, before my suffering begins. For I tell you now, that I won’t eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God”
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The Arrest of Jesus

The Last Supper

- ▶ “Then he took a cup of wine, gave it thanks and praise to God for it and then said “ Take this and share it amongst yourselves, This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. **21** But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. **22** The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed, but woe to that man who betrays him.” **23** They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

The Arrest of Jesus

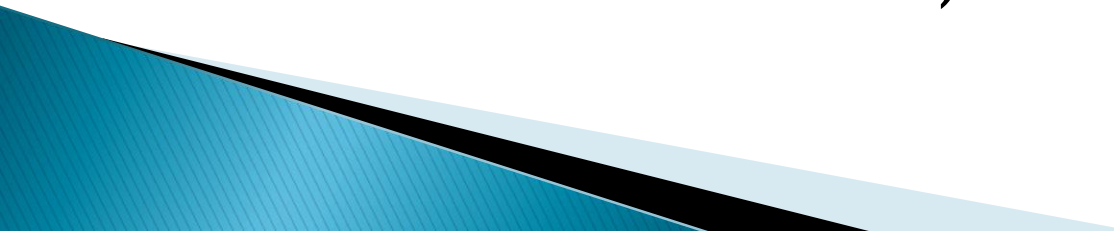
The Last Supper

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

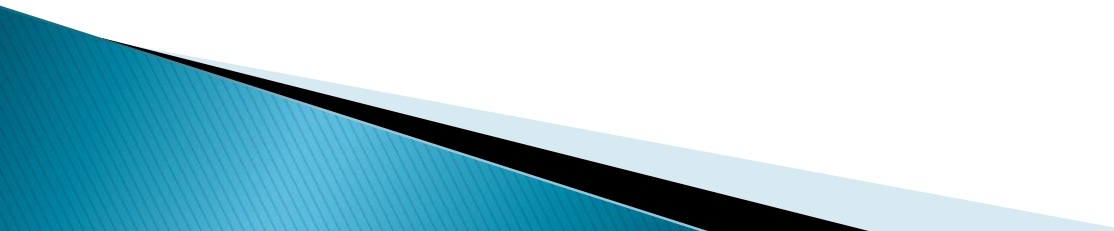


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The Last Supper

- ▶ After this meal while Jesus was praying in an olive grove, several officials and soldiers arrested him
 - ▶ They were lead by Judas, the apostle that betrayed Jesus
 - ▶ Jesus was arrested and charged with blasphemy (attributing God-like qualities to that which is not God)
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The Arrest of Jesus

- ▶ The council found Jesus guilty because he would not deny that he was the Messiah, or the Son of God
 - ▶ They returned Jesus to Pontius Pilate, who found no fault with the prisoner
 - ▶ Pilate bowed to the demands of the crowd and sentenced Jesus to be crucified
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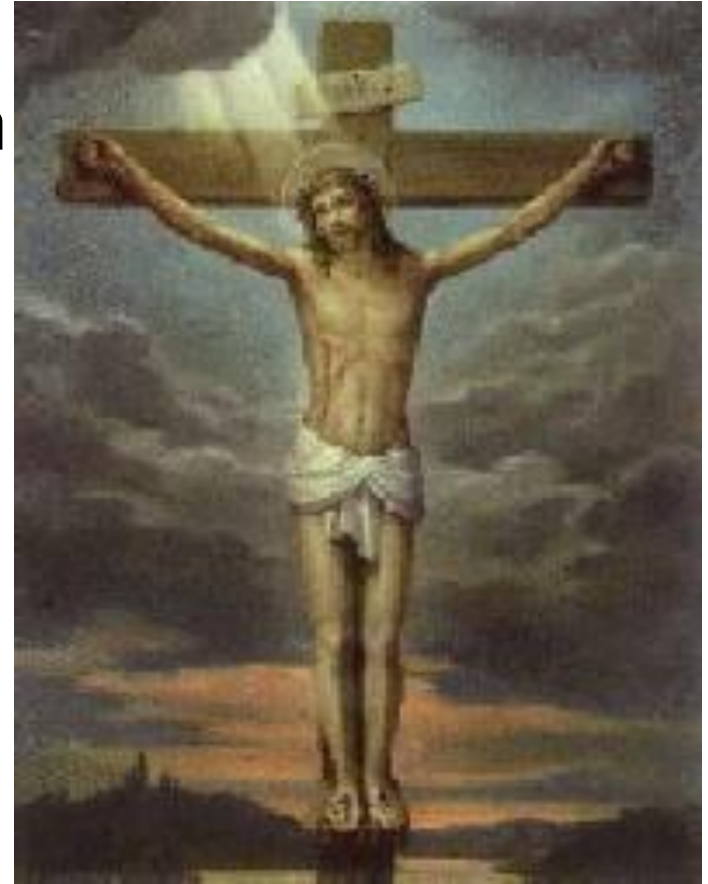
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- ▶ Jesus was made to carry his own cross to the hill to where he would be crucified
- ▶ To add further insult they made him wear a crown made out of thorns



The Arrest of Jesus

- ▶ Above his head hung a sign that said: “Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews”



The Death and Resurrection of Jesus

- ▶ According to Christian Scriptures Jesus' body was put into a tomb cut out of rock.
- ▶ Three days after his death Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with spices



The Death and Resurrection of Jesus

- ▶ When they arrived, Jesus' body was gone
- ▶ An angel appeared and told them that Jesus had risen from the dead




The Death and Resurrection of Jesus

- ▶ Jesus appeared to his disciples and to the women during the days that followed
- ▶ Christians call this return from the dead **Resurrection**

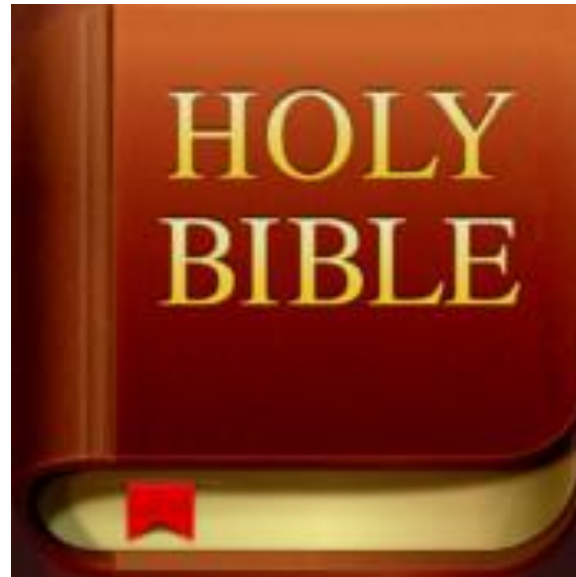


The Early Christians

- ▶ Some of the earliest converts to the apostles' message were Greek
 - ▶ They took the name "Christians" which means "the messiah"
 - ▶ The Roman Empire was an economic arrangement supported by military power
 - ▶ Emperors who opposed this new religion, or thought that Christians were to blame for problems in the region, persecuted the Christians
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The Early Christians

- ▶ Two centuries later as Christianity flourished and the Roman Empire declined, three emperors ordered the destruction of Christian:



The Early Christians

- ▶ Christian “**Martyrs**” or witnesses who died for their faith, were dragged to the Roman Colosseum where they were mauled by wild animals before cheering crowds
- ▶ During this period, Christians were forced to have underground worships

